Department of Environmental Quality
Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment for a TMDL Implementation Plan
Chuckatuck Creek and Brewers Creek
City of Suffolk and Isle of Wight County
September 24, 2015

A public meeting to discuss a water quality improvement plan for Chuckatuck and Brewers Creeks will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the CE&H Ruritan Hall located at 8881 Eclipse Drive Suffolk, Virginia from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Chuckatuck Creek and Brewers Creek were identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for violations of the fecal coliform criteria for shellfish waters. Shellfish harvest from these waters is restricted as shellfish may be unsafe for consumption. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's Water Quality Standard for bacteria. Bacteria sources identified that may contribute to this impairment include failing septic systems, discharges of untreated human waste, pets, and agricultural practices in the area.

The meeting will review the final Implementation Plan for the impaired waters. The Plan has included an outline of corrective actions that could be used to reduce the sources of bacteria, their associated costs and benefits, along with measurable goals and timeline. Management options include replacing failing septic systems, removing discharge of untreated human waste to streams, reducing pollutant loads from agricultural, urban, and residential areas, and a pet waste disposal and education program.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from September 25, 2015 to October 26, 2015. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Jennifer Howell at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach Virginia 23463, by phone (757)518-2111 or by email Jennifer.howell@deq.virginia.gov

The Implementation Plan can be found at:
http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationPlans.aspx